

DANIEL W. THOMAS

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Daniel Wight Thomas was born in Nauvoo, December 11, 1841. He was the son of Daniel Stillwell and Martha P. Jones Thomas.

He left Nauvoo the spring of 1846, living in Des Moines, Winter Quarters, and Honey Creek, Iowa, until the spring of 1849 at which time he started for Utah. He arrived in Salt Lake City, October 7, 1849. Here he lived for three years and then moved to Lehi.

He helped build the Fort Wall for protection against Indians. In 1862 he went East to the Missouri River along with Church companies to bring back European emigrants. In 1863, he went again as teamster for Captain John R. Murdock.

In the fall of 1863 he was called by Bishop David Evans to go to Rush Valley to hunt stray oxen, also to take oats to Roberts and Dry Creek, 300 miles farther west, the oats being a part of contract President Young had taken to supply the Overland Mail Route.

In June, 1864, he was called to haul rock for the Salt Lake Temple which he did until roads became impassable. During the summer of 1864 he made two trips to Virginia City, Montana, for the Church.

In April, 1866, he was called to the Black Hawk War in Sanpete and Sevier County. In April of 1867, he was made captain of his company and was released the first of July.

From that time on he lived in Lehi engaged in farming and stock raising.

He married Mary Ann Ashton, January 1, 1866. To them were born ten children. They had forty-six grandchildren. He died March 3, 1907, at the age of sixty-five years.